

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 25, lines 1-4, amend Table 1 as follows:

Table 1

| Primer | Sequence with restriction cleavage site | Product | Plasmid |
|-----------|--|-------------------|----------|
| metY-EVP5 | 5'-CTAATAAGTCGACAAGGAGGACA Sall ACCATGCCAAAAGTACGAC-3' (SEQ ID NO:3) | metY (1341 bp) | pCREmetY |
| metY-EVP3 | 5'-GAGTCTAATGCATGCTAGATTGCA NsiI GCAAAGCCG 3' (SEQ ID NO:4) | | |
| metA-EVP5 | 5'-AGAACGAATTCAAAGGAGGACAAC EcoRI CATGCCACCCCTCGCGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:5) | metA (1161 bp) | pCREmetA |
| metA-EVP3 | 5'-GTCGTGGATCCCTATTAGATGTA PstI GAACTCG-3' (SEQ ID NO:6) | | |

On page 32, lines 11-12, amend Table 3 as follows

Table 3

| Strain | OD(660) | Methionine mg/l |
|------------------|---------|--------------------|
| DSM5715 | 6.6 | 1.4 |
| DSM5715/pCREmetY | 8.3 | 16.0 |

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Page 46, (Abstract), please replace the abstract in its entirety with the attached substituted abstract.

Please replace the Sequence Listing filed on November 21, 2001 with the attached substitute Sequence Listing.